

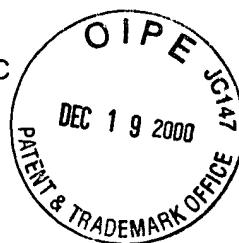


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Date Mailed: 10/16/2000

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1200.
 - \$810 for 45 total claims over 20.
 - \$390 for 5 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 2020.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Joshi et al.

CASE: 001308

RESPONSE TO NOTICE
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SER. NO.: 09/645,673

FILING DATE: August 24, 2000

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EXAMINER:

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (filing date granted), mailed October 16, 2000, a copy of which is attached.

The Notice indicated that the executed declaration and the statutory basic filing fee in the amount of \$690.00, the fee for 45 total claims over twenty in the amount of \$810.00 and the fee for 5 independent claims over three in the amount of \$390.00 are missing. In response, Applicant herewith submits the fully executed declaration and a single check in the amount of \$2,020.00 (\$690.00 + \$810.00 + \$390.00 + \$130.00) for the statutory basic filing fee, extra claims fee, extra independent claim and surcharge fee. Accordingly, all outstanding missing parts identified in the Notice are submitted herewith, along with the appropriate surcharge fee.

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Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 578-0400 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 15, 2000



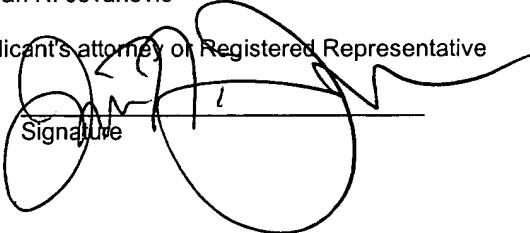
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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